

MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE.

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MOTTO:—LIVE FOR OUR FRIENDS—DO THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF GOOD WE CAN TO THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

First Year.

BARBOURVILLE, KENTUCKY, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1904.

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Dan H. Williams

is opening

A NEW STOCK

In the little building between
the Furniture Store and the
Old Cumberland Valley Bank

All the Latest Things

No use to Mention Prices

You Know Me.

OIL INDUSTRY

Will Boom Again in Knox
County and More Wells
Will be put Down.

RENEWED OPERATION IN COUNTY.

There has been some falling off in the oil industry throughout the county during the cold winter months and some people have become discouraged but we have talked with some who have been over the grounds and they are all of one opinion that the business will brighten up with the coming of spring.

There is no question but that an effort has been made by the various companies to discourage stockholders and get them to sell out their holdings in these companies and give the company entire control of all the stock, now that the field has been tested and proven to be rich.

In all the territory now opened here wells have come in, on an average, at a depth of 750 to 800 feet and have proved to be good producers—not "gushers;" of course the sand will fill up the pump unless cleaned out which will cut off the flow of oil. This accounts for the failure of the wells and the report is sent out that the wells has gone dry, when, if the pump was only cleaned of the sand it would show that the well was still a good producer.

The oil business is a new industry to the people of Kentucky and they have not become familiar with all the characteristics of the business, but we have never lost faith in the oil of Knox county and believe that time will prove that we are right.

The Standard Oil Company has large interests in this field and we feel confident that they had thoroughly convinced themselves of its staying qualities before they invested their money so lavishly here.

Only last week the Standard brought in another new well in the Richland creek section that has proven to be a 50-barrel well, and they will continue to put down more wells from time to time showing that they have not lost faith in the field.

We find persons who are skeptical about every industry and always ready to cry it down, but

when we walk out to wells that have been drilled in last year and left standing open and we can see the oil now standing in the casing, filling the well to the top, we know that there is nothing in the report that this oil is a failure.

Besides the oil business, this country is one of the richest coal fields in the world, and the finest specimens of block and cannel coal are being mined that can be found anywhere, and this industry also is yet in its infancy. There is no telling what a few years may bring forth along that line.

We have great faith in the mountains of Kentucky. They are laden with the richest treasures of the State, and we believe that within a few more years our town will see the oil and mining industry grow to such enormous proportions that our town itself will be compelled to increase her facilities and factories will be built up in our town and the hum of business will be heard upon every side.

It's Best to Subscribe.

An exchange tells of a man who was too economical to subscribe for his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$4 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn.

Hearing the racket, the wife ran, upset a four-gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the flock. In the hurry she dropped a \$25 set of false teeth. The baby left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor ruining a brand-new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up eleven setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails off of four fine shirts.

MORAL.—Subscribe for your county paper and don't take any chances of borrowing from your neighbor.

AGAIN

The Enemies of Caleb Powers
Seek to Injure His Case
By Lies.

Report Circulated That Friends Here
Were Seeking Executive
Clemency.

WHOLLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

The political enemies of Caleb Powers seem never to tire in hounding his life and persist in circulating reports that are known by them at the time to be untrue. Last Saturday's Courier-Journal contained an article from Cincinnati which claimed to know that while Mr. Powers had already secured several thousand dollars with which to defray the expenses of another trial, yet his friends in this section of the State were vigorously circulating a petition to be presented to the Governor, asking him to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

This story was a lie of whole cloth, and was sent out by some of the Goebel faction from Cincinnati just before the time set for the argument of the case before the Appellate Court with the hope, that if possible, the members of the Court might be prejudiced and refuse to grant him a re-hearing.

Sunday the same papers published a denial of this report by Mr. Powers, but we would have branded it as a wilful and malicious falsehood without hearing from Mr. Powers had we been given the opportunity, for this reason.

When Mr. Powers was given a life sentence at the first trial when the excitement was at its highest he would never have taken an appeal had he been guilty, and at the close of the second trial when the sentence was repealed, is it reasonable to suppose that he would take an appeal if he was guilty, and now to report such a story as that he was anxious for executive clemency is a bare falsehood and calculated to injure his case in court.

The truth is, Mr. Powers would not to-day accept executive clemency. We make this statement without authority, but we believe we know Mr. Powers well enough to say that he would rather go to the gallows an innocent man than to accept executive clemency from the hand of any governor and admit by so doing that he was guilty of the charge and was trying to save his life.

Life is sweet to all, but in the person of Caleb Powers there beats a heart as true, as noble, as honest as was ever given to any mortal man, and we again assert that we believe that he would rather go to the gallows an innocent man and knowing that his friends believe him innocent than to accept the clemency of having the sentence commuted should the Governor decide within his mind to extend to him the clemency.

We have always believed Mr. Powers wholly innocent of the crime that has been saddled upon him, and we are of that opinion still. We believe him to be one of the worst abused men that the State of Kentucky has ever produced. We believe further that the time will come when those who have maligned and abused him will be brought down in shame and disgrace and he will walk forth a free man. It may take time for the poison to die

out, but after a while reason will again be enthroned in Kentucky, and every man accused of crime will be given a fair and impartial trial. When that time comes Caleb Powers will come out a free man and the world at large will look upon him as we now do, the martyr of the cause he loved and will realize the great wrong and injustice that has been done him under the forms of law.

The question now is, when will reason again be enthroned in Kentucky?

THE FISCAL COURT

Should Take up the Proposition of
The New Court House at Its
Next Meeting.

The Fiscal court will meet in short time and at that meeting the question of erecting a new court-house should be taken up and some plan adopted by which the new project could be immediately placed on foot.

There is no use delaying this matter, but this honorable body should at once take steps to begin the erection of a new building on the present site of the old court-house.

Springtime is now rapidly approaching and by starting the work with the opening of spring the work could be more effectively done and much better progress made than if delayed until fall when bad weather is liable to interfere with the progress of the work at any time.

We trust that when the Fiscal court meets again this will be one of the important matters that will be taken up and be pushed through to a final conclusion.

The erection of a new Court-House will stand as a monument to the honorable court that will take the matter up and erect the building. We hope to see this court win the laurels by taking the matter in hand at once—Let's have a New Court-House.

A New Feature.

We introduce to our readers in this issue a new feature which we believe will be appreciated. "The Home Circle" column is one that will interest all classes of readers, but more especially does it appeal to the wives and mothers, the queens of our homes. It is our highest ambition to give our readers the class of reading they most relish. Our Home Circle column will in the future appear each week providing our readers so desire. It is no small task to weekly prepare such a column but we are willing to work if it brings results and pleases our patrons. If not asking too much of our large family of readers, we would appreciate if they would express to us their opinion of this new feature of our paper. If you enjoy reading it tell us so and we will then labor early and late each week to improve upon its most interesting features. It is for you we publish it. Drop us a postal card or in some manner convey to us your appreciation of this new feature if you honestly do appreciate it.

Estimates for Water-Works.

R. L. Putnam, of Pineville, was in this city last Saturday making some estimates upon putting in a system of water works for this city. This is one of the great needs of our town, and it is to be hoped that this enterprise will yet be carried out. There is talk of erecting a power house and putting in a plant to generate electricity for street car purposes in connection with this new water works plant. This also would be a step forward and we would be glad to see it done.

AN ENTERPRISE

That Our Town Needs To
Make it a Flourishing
Business Town.

One of the greatest needs of our town at present is a Lumber Yard and planing mill. There is no better location in our knowledge than this town to establish a lumber yard and planing mill than.

People here who want dressed lumber are forced to go to other cities and pay high prices for material that should be furnished at home, and if some enterprising man would put in a good planer here and dress lumber there would be found a ready market for a large output of material.

Then we need a stock of rough lumber for building purposes.

The river and railroad both afford ample means of getting the lumber here but thus far there has never been a regular lumber yard opened where a man can secure anything and everything necessary for the erection of a building. Let some enterprising citizen take this matter up and put in a planing mill where they can dress lumber and size it to order and in connection with it carry an extensive stock of rough lumber of all sizes and descriptions and it will prove a paying investment and afford facilities to our town that will fill a long felt want.

MOST VALUABLE

Paper Started in Many Years—Full
of Articles of Interest Is
The Kentucky Farmer
And Breeder.

The Kentucky Farmer and Breeder of the 10th, inst., sustains the high standard set by the previous issues of that most valuable paper. Among other articles of interest, there is an account of the famous Grasmere Shorthorn herd of Mr. William Warfield; an article on "The Kentucky Horse and the Souther Rider," by Gen John B. Castleman; a list of all the two-year-old thoroughbreds that have won this year, with their sire and dam; an article on the "Arabian Horse," by Lee Schon; an article by John Goff on how to get rid of weeds on the farm, which is full of valuable advice; an article by the Hon. A. W. Bascom, and others equally as valuable.

The stand which The Kentucky Farmer and Breeder intends to take in the sporting world is well shown by its offer to head a guarantee fund for the race meeting at Lexington with a subscription of five hundred dollars, which offer has rendered certain, what before was only a hope, that there would be a revival of racing at the historic old Kentucky Association track. The editorial page is up to the high standard which one would expect with the names of those interested in the company.

Taken all in all, The Kentucky Farmer and Breeder is the most valuable paper which has been started in Kentucky in many years.

A Movement on Foot.

There is a movement now on foot to have the depot changed from its present location to the foot of Knox street. This would be a great improvement and one that would suit the traveling public much better. We hope to see the change made at an early date.

MANAGER WANTED

Trustworthy Lady or Gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for well and favorably known house of solid financial standing. \$30.00 straight cash salary and expenses, paid each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced. Position permanent. Address Manager, 810 Como Building Chicago, Ill.

HOUSE ADOPTED

Senate Bill Appropriating \$20,000
To Erect a Monument to Goebel.

HON. W. C. BLACK FIRES A SHOT.

Monday the House passed the Byron bill appropriating \$20,000 of the State's money for the erection of a monument on the State House square to the memory of the late William Goebel. After more than an hour of discussion by both Democrats and Republicans, former Lieut. Governor Worthington said during the discussion:

"The time is coming when we will rue the partisanship which has for so long enslaved this State. The object of every man who loves the old Commonwealth should be to bind up the wounds from which it suffers. This monument will perpetuate a condition over which all of us should try to cast the mantle of oblivion. I am in favor of perpetuating the memory of the man, but money from the common fund should not be taken to prolong an era of discord.

Representative B. L. D. Guffy, former Judge of the Court of Appeals, spoke at length, saying in part:

"I believe Senator Goebel was the greatest man in the Democratic party of that time, and I only voted against him because I knew the party would not carry out the measures he advocated. When the party is willing to carry out those measures I will vote for a \$20,000—if need be a \$100,000—monument to his memory. But I will not vote for a fraud, and that is what this bill proposes."

Three Representatives of the Louisville delegation spoke for the measure, Thomas Drewry, James P. Edwards and Herman D. Newcomb. Representative W. R. Miller, of Madison county, created enthusiasm by his plea for the appropriation. Representative E. E. Barton also spoke for it.

Representative Wm. C. Black called to the attention of the House the fact that it had killed his bill appropriating \$10,000 for the purchase of the old Lincoln homestead in Larue county, and the erection there of a monument, and he offered the bill as a substitute, but Speaker Eli H. Brown, Jr., ruled it out of order. Representative Proctor, of Grayson county, urged that the body should not "in a fit of passion pass such a measure."

Speaker Brown left the chair to speak for the bill.

A number of Democrats did not vote on the measure, among them Representatives R. T. Wells, J. E. Dalton, Benjamin E. Niles and Robert Enlow.

NOTICE.

I will on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1904, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m., and 12 o'clock m., let contract to build a bridge across Brush Creek, in Knox county, Kentucky, near West Ross, store at the same place where the old bridge now stands at

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to the lowest and best bidder. I reserve the right to refuse any and all bids. Plans and specifications are on file in my office. Terms and other information will be given on the day of the letting of said contract.

The contract for building said bridge will be let at the old bridge site.
J. S. MILLEE,
County Judge of Knox county, Ky.

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